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SUBJECT: TRIPOLI WATCH - COMINGS AND GOINGS APRIL 18 - MAY 9

1. TRIPOLI WATCH IS BASED PRIMARILY ON REVIEW OF LOCAL PRESS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO REPORT VISITS BOTH BY LARG OFFICIALS ABROAD AND FOREIGN DIGNATARIES TO LIBYA. WHILE THERE IS SCARCITY OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE VISITS, INFORMATION CAN BE A RELEVANT INDEX OF MAGNITUDE OF LARG ACTIVITIES WITH GOVERNMENTS, LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND OTHER RADICAL GROUPS. TRIPOLI WATCH MAY ALSO REFLECT EXTENT OF LARG INFLUENCE WITH THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS, AND LARG PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

2. LARG OFFICIALS VISITS ABROAD: LIBYAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION LED BY ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FOR TECHNICAL AFFAIRS AHMED ABD AL HAMID AL ATRASH VISITED GUINEA-BISSAU APRIL 18 CARRYING MESSAGE FROM QADHAFI. DELEGATION REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED WAYS OF DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONS WITH LARG AID TO UPPER VOLTA DURING RECENT DROUGHT.

3. ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFIARS, TRAYKI, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTED FOR A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRIEF VISIT TO NIGER AND REPUBLIC OF CENTRAL AFRICA

MAY 4 TO HOLD TALKS ON BILATERAL COOPERATION.

4. LARG BECAME A MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL OF ARAB GEOGRAPHERS UNION WHICH RECENTLY MET IN BAGHDAD. UNION REPORTEDLY REACHED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO ARABIZATION OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOOKS, STANDARD GEOGRAPHIC TERMS, PRESERVATION OF MUSEUMS AND ANTIQUITIES AND PUBLICATION OF PERIODICAL BULLETINS. LABYA WILL ATTEND NEXT GEOGRAPHIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN MARCH 1978.

5. LIBYAN DELEGATION REPRESENTING LOCAL BENGHAZI RED CRESCENT BRANCH DEPARTED FOR TURKEY MAY 5 TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATIONS MARKING ESTABLISHMENT IN INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES. LIBYAN DELEGATION REPORTEDLY WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH OFFICIALS TO RECRUIT SPECIALISTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLOOD BANK IN BENGHAZI.

6. VISITING DELEGATIONS: DURING THIS PERIOD LARG RECEIVED A DELEGATION FROM SOVIET COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLES. CREDENTIALS OF NEW YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR ADDUL MALKE AL-TRAYAB WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO LARG.

7. SOUTH YEMEN MINISTER OF INTERIOR MAHAMMAD SALEH MUTI PAID A SHORT VISIT TO LAR APRIL 26.

8. ON MAY 2 DELEGATION OF FRENCH UNITED SOCIALIST PARTY ARRIVED FOR BRIEF VISIT. DELEGATION LED BY MICHELLE HAUCELL WHO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE VISIT COULD CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING ALL SOCIALIST FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

9. AMBASSADORS DESIGNATE TO LARG OF NORTH YEMEN AND BANGLADESH PRESENTED THEIR CREDENTIALS TO LARG MAY 5.

10. MOHAMMAD AMIN HAFEZ, PRIME MINISTER OF THE SAHARAN DEMOCRATIC ARAB REPUBLIC (SDAR) ARRIVED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY 9 FOR VISIT TO LAR. AMIN HAFEZ WILL HOLD TALKS WITH OFFICIALS HERE ON SITUATION IN THE SDAR AND BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. CARLE

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